

**BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001**

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**Complaint on Sunday  
and Holiday Collections**

**Docket No. C2001-1**

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**April 24, 2002**

Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C2001-1/18 established a deadline of April 25, 2002, for me to file part 2 of my direct testimony. I have shipped this testimony already via Priority Mail and expect it to be filed on or before the deadline. I now propose a procedural schedule.

Unfortunately, developing a schedule is complicated by several contingencies. First, the Postal Service and other parties may or may not seek oral cross-examination on my direct testimony. Second, the Postal Service and other parties may or may not file a direct case. Third, if the Postal Service or another party files a direct case, I may or may not file rebuttal testimony. Moreover, most of these events are independent and could occur in a variety of combinations, thus making it impractical to announce a comprehensive procedural schedule at this time. Nonetheless, some scheduling is possible now.

I propose that discovery on part 2 of my direct testimony continue until Wednesday, May 22, 2002. These discovery responses will be due not later than Wednesday, June 5, 2002. By Friday, June 7, 2002, the Postal Service and other parties should file a statement of need to conduct oral cross-examination or, alternatively, a statement indicating that oral cross-examination will not be necessary. I stand by and renew my position explained previously that oral

cross-examination should be required only upon a showing of need by the examining party.<sup>1</sup> I will reply immediately to any requests for oral cross-examination in the hope that a definitive ruling can be issued promptly thereafter. Oral cross-examination should tentatively be scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2002.

If no party requests oral cross-examination, parties should file a notice by Tuesday, June 11, 2002, if they plan to file direct testimony. If they plan to file direct testimony, parties should propose a procedural schedule. If oral cross-examination does take place, the notice of intent to file direct testimony and proposed procedural schedule should be filed by Friday, June 28, 2002.

If no party requests oral cross-examination, and if no party indicates plans to submit direct testimony, I propose that initial briefs be due on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, and reply briefs be due on Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 24, 2002

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DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the required parties in accordance with section 12 of the *Rules of Practice*.

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DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

April 24, 2002  
Santa Cruz, California

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<sup>1</sup> Douglas F. Carlson Response to Presiding Officer's Ruling C2001-1/1 and Comments on Nature of Evidentiary Presentation at 2-3, filed July 20, 2002.